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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Appearance before CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee - Saturday, 24 March 1962

1. The Director met for approximately two hours with the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations beginning at 10:15 a.m. Present from the Subcommittee were:

Clarence Cannon, Chairman  
George H. Mahon  
John Taber  
Gerald R. Ford, Jr.

Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone  
Maj. Gen. Marshall S. Carter  
Richard Helms  
Robert Amory  
Herbert Scoville, Jr.  
Col. L. K. White

John S. Warner

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No staff members were present and no transcript was taken. The meeting was in P-3 in the Capitol and previously Mr. Sprankle had requested that we not do a sweep of the room since one had been done recently. However, arrangements were made to monitor the room during the presentation and security guards were posted.

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2. Mr. Cannon opened the meeting pointing out the last time the Director had met with the members (on 10 February 1962) some very secret matters were discussed and he was very chagrined to read about some of these matters in detail the next day in The Washington Post. The Director did not attempt to answer this in detail. (I am still at a loss to know what it was Cannon was talking about.)

3. The Director talked briefly at this point about the OXCART program showing them pictures of the vehicle indicating its speed and its radar cross section. He indicated he hoped it would achieve better photographic results than the U-2. 25X1



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Colonel White then explained in some detail the purpose of the reserve, that over and above our anticipated operations this was to deal with unforeseen and unanticipated situations and is a form of insurance since we could not come in for a supplemental appropriation. The point was raised again that since we would not have another Cuban situation we would not need as large a reserve and in response to a query from Mr. Mahon, the DCI stated CIA would not undertake such a military operation again as long as he was the Director. Mr. Cannon raised the question about a large amount showing in the Office of the Director on page 26. Mr. Cannon said that with approximately the same number of people why should there be such a drastic increase in funds. Mr. Helms explained Project [redacted] indicating that solely for security reasons the Project was placed in the Director's office. Mr. Cannon referred to page 27 for reassurance that [redacted] millions of the increase is for OXCART. In response to a question, Cannon was advised that the total cost of the OXCART program and [redacted]

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7. Mr. Cannon turned to page 37 on NPIC and it was indicated that some of the 1962 costs were nonrecurring due to the refurbishing of a building for the center. Our need for NPIC was explained in considerable detail.

8. Mr. Cannon then turned to page 52 and dealt with the communication increases. This was explained to him several times but it seemed doubtful that he ever really understood what was being done here even though the explanations made it very clear that this was an effort to avoid duplication and in fact resulted in a request for [redacted] of funds whereas State previously had been requesting [redacted]

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9. Mr. Taber asked for a breakdown on the figures in the OXCART program and these were given to him. The increase indicated on page 9 in PP activity was generally explained.

10. On page 18, Mr. Cannon asked for an explanation of the increase and some details on the "Other Items." It was agreed that the Agency would send a detailed breakdown on these giving the reasons for the increases. (The Comptroller is preparing this material.)

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15. There was some discussion of the Powers situation and the Cuban situation. In response to a question on the meaning of the Castro announcement on the trial of the invasion force members, it was indicated that Castro has serious problems in Cuba and may need a diversion. It was pointed out that 1700 to 2000 Cubans are leaving the country weekly. The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

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